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THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COLDWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS HELD JULY 26, 2021 IN THE DISTRICT, AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER, 401 SAUK RIVER DRIVE, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Rutz, Kristin Lyon-Welch, Kate Frederick, Ronald Lanford, Jeff Holbrook, Clair Dean

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Edward C. Lake, Jr.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Anny Whelan, *Superintendent*; Evelyn Grimes, Rosalie Courier, *Daily Reporter*; Jim Measel, *Midwest Broadcasting*, Sherri Gillette, Donna Heinemann

**ATTENDANCE**

Vice President Holbrook brought the special meeting to order at approximately 6:02 p.m. Roll call attendance was taken and recorded as referenced above.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Request for Public Participation Forms was made by Vice President Holbrook. There were no public participation forms submitted at this time.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Minutes of the Regular Organizational Meeting held on Monday, July 12, 2021 were given consideration for acceptance and approval. MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular Organizational Meeting held on July 12, 2021, as submitted. Resolution approved unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**

Vice President Holbrook called for additions or deletions to the agenda. Superintendent Whelan amended the agenda by requesting an Executive Session be held pursuant to PA267, Section 8(c) for the purpose of discussion related to the collective bargaining process. Agenda accepted as amended.

**AGENDA ACCEPTED AS AMENDED**

Superintendent Whelan presented the Personnel Report in its entirety. MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Rutz that the Board of Education resolves to: accept with regret, the resignation of Trisha Brokus from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective August 31, 2021;

**CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**T. BROKUS**

accept with regret, the resignation of Karice Cronkhite from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective August 31, 2021;

**K. CRONKHITE**

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- accept with regret, the resignation of Emily Kelly from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective August 31, 2021; **E. KELLY**
- accept with regret, the resignation of Katey Robinson from the English teaching position at Legg Middle School, effective August 31, 2021; **K. ROBINSON**
- accept with regret, the resignation of Ann Bernard from the elementary Music teaching position for Jefferson and Lakeland Elementary, effective August 31, 2021; **A BERNARD**
- accept with regret, the resignation of Shelby Bowers from the Kindergarten teaching position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective August 31, 2021; **S. BOWERS**
- approve the administrative recommendation to employ Edward Dickenson for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position at Max Larsen Elementary, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **E. DICKENSON**
- approve the administrative recommendation to employ Susan Mueller for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching position at Jefferson Elementary, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **S. MUELLER**
- approve the administrative recommendation to employ Jacob Simmons for the Choir Instructor position for Legg Middle School and Coldwater High School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **J. SIMMONS**
- approve the administrative recommendation to employ Christian Lacrois for the English teaching position at Coldwater High School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **C. LAGROIS**
- approve the administrative recommendation to employ Erin Brown for the English teaching position at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **E. BROWN**
- approve the internal transfer of teaching assignment for Stacy Maddox from the Math Interventionist position at Lakeland Elementary to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math teaching position at Legg Middle School, effective the 2021-2022 school year; **S. MADDOX**
- accept with regret, the resignation of Sara Hayes from the part-time supervisor position at Jefferson Elementary, effective immediately upon board approval; **S. HAYES**

approve the administrative recommendations for the following extra duty positions as outlined below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	
Keith Johnson	Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	<b>K. JOHNSON</b>
Halie Zartman	Girls Volleyball Coach – Level to be determined	<b>H. ZARTMAN</b>
Jessie Jividen	Girls Volleyball Coach – Level to be determined	<b>J. JIVIDEN</b>

Resolution approved unanimously.

Superintendent Whelan provided the board with an overview of the recommendation to approve the resolution for the Special School Bond Election, as well as further information regarding the proposed projects relative to the bond.

**DISCUSSION**

Whelan further shared information regarding the current Covid Protocol and positivity rates of Covid cases in Branch County.

Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Whelan also provided the dates and times for each of the district’s school open houses, including the open house for transportation.

Vice President Holbrook presented the recommendation to approve the Special School Bond Election Resolution.

**ACTION ITEMS:  
RECOMMENDATION TO  
APPROVE SPECIAL SCHOOL  
BOND ELECTION  
RESOLUTION – APPROVED**

MOTION made and supported by Members Lanford and Dean that the Board of Education approves the Special School Election Resolution as submitted.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Holbrook, Rutz, Dean, Lanford, Lyon-Welch, Frederick

Nays: None

Resolution approved unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Vice President Holbrook made the following announcements:

1. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center Boardroom.

Vice President Holbrook requested an Executive Session be held, pursuant to PA267, Section 8(c), for the purpose of negotiation discussion related to the collective bargaining process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
CALLED– ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOTION made and supported respectively by Members Dean and Rutz that the Board of Education enters into Executive Session pursuant to PA267, Section 8(c), for the purpose of negotiation discussion related to the collective bargaining process.

Roll call vote taken.

Yeas: Members Lyon-Welch, Frederick, Lanford, Holbrook, Rutz, Dean

Nays: None

Motion unanimously passed.

**OPEN MEETING RECESSED**

Open session of the special meeting recessed at 6:23 p.m.

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

Executive session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING  
RECONVENED**

The open session of the special meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Special meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Clair Dean, Board Secretary

Heather M. Harvey, Exec. Secretary